



The Twitter application is seen on a digital device, April 25, 2022, in San Diego.

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Twitter whistleblower bringing security warnings to Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Peiter "Mudge" Zatkó, the Twitter whistleblower who is warning of security flaws, privacy threats and lax controls at the social platform, will take his case to Congress on Tuesday.

Senators who will hear

Zatkó's testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee are alarmed by his Twitter allegations at a time of heightened concern over the safety of powerful tech platforms. It's Zatkó's second Capitol Hill appearance, and in some ways a

21st-century echo of his first. In 1998, he testified before a Senate panel along with fellow members of a hacker collective who warned about the security dangers of the then-emerging internet age.

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Zatko, a respected cybersecurity expert, was Twitter's head of security until he was fired early this year. He has brought the stunning allegations to Congress and federal regulators, asserting that the influential social platform misled regulators about its cyber defenses and efforts to control millions of "spam" or fake accounts.

Sen. Dick Durbin, the Illinois Democrat who chairs the panel, has said that if Zatko's claims are accurate, "they may show dangerous data-privacy and security risks for Twitter users around the world."

Zatko's accusations are also playing into billionaire tycoon Elon Musk's battle with Twitter. The Tesla CEO is trying to get out of his \$44 billion bid to buy the company; Twitter has sued to force him to complete the deal. The Delaware judge overseeing that case ruled last week that Musk can include new evidence related to Zatko's allegations in the high-stakes trial set to start Oct. 17.

The allegation that Twitter engaged in deception in its handling of automated "spam bot" accounts is at the core of Musk's attempt to back out of the Twitter deal.

At the same time, many of Zatko's claims are uncorroborated and appear to have little documentary support. In a statement, Twitter has called Zatko's description of events "a false narrative."

Also on Tuesday, Twitter's shareholders are sched-



Tesla CEO Elon Musk attends the opening of the Tesla factory Berlin Brandenburg in Gruenheide, Germany, March 22, 2022.

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uled to vote on the company's pending buyout by Musk. The vote is something of a formality given that the deal is on hold while the court case plays out. But if the measure passes as expected, it would also pave the way for a Musk takeover should Twitter prevail in court.

Zatko also filed complaints with the Justice Department, the Federal Trade Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission. Among his most serious accusations is that Twitter violated the terms of a 2011 FTC settlement by falsely claiming that it had put stronger measures in place to protect the security and privacy of its users. The SEC is questioning Twitter about how it counts fake accounts on its platform. Twitter uses counts of its presumably real users to

attract advertisers, whose payments make up about 90% of its revenue. The "spam bots" have no value to advertisers because there's no person behind them.

San Francisco-based Twitter has an estimated 238 million daily active users worldwide. The company says it removes 1 million spam accounts daily.

Zatko's 84-page complaint alleges that he found "extreme, egregious deficiencies" on the platform, including issues with "user privacy, digital and physical security, and platform integrity/content moderation." It accuses CEO Parag Agrawal and other senior executives and board members of making "false and misleading statements to users and the FTC" about these issues. Twitter denies those claims and said that

Zatko was fired in January for "ineffective leadership and poor performance." Zatko's attorneys say the performance claim is false. Twitter also hinted that Zatko's complaint might be designed to bolster Musk's legal fight with the company. Twitter called Zatko's complaint "a false narrative" that is "riddled with inconsistencies and inaccuracies, and lacks important context."

News of Zatko's complaint surfaced on Aug. 23, almost two months before the Twitter-Musk trial is scheduled to begin. One of Zatko's attorneys has said "he's never met Elon Musk. Doesn't know Elon Musk. They know people in common."

The company also says it has significantly tightened security since 2020.

Among Zatko's specific al-

legations:

—The company had such poor cybersecurity that it easily could have been exposed to outside attacks or attempts to siphon off its internal data.

—The company lacked effective leadership, with its top executives practicing "deliberate ignorance" of pressing problems. Zatko described former CEO Jack Dorsey as "extremely disengaged" during the last months of his tenure, to the point where he wouldn't even speak during meetings on complex issues. Dorsey stepped down in November 2021.

—That Twitter knowingly allowed the government of India to place its agents on the company payroll, where they had "direct unsupervised access" to highly sensitive data on users. It makes a parallel but less detailed accusation that Twitter took funding from unidentified Chinese entities who may have gained access enabling them to access the identities and sensitive data of Chinese users who secretly use Twitter, which is officially banned in China.

Better known by his hacker handle "Mudge," Zatko, 51, first gained prominence in the 1990s. He was the best-known member of the Boston-based collective L0pht, which pioneered ethical hacking, embarrassing companies including Microsoft for poor security. His work raised awareness in the computing world that forced such major companies to take security seriously. □

Gov. Kristi Noem's activity to be limited after back surgery



South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem speaks at the George R. Brown Convention Center, May 27, 2022, in Houston.

Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem disclosed Monday that she recently underwent back surgery to treat an injury impacting her spine and that her activity would be limited during several months of recovery. The 50-year-old Republican governor said she traveled to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, for the surgery after receiving medical treatment for several weeks in South Dakota. She said in a video posted

on Twitter that she injured her back about two months ago. She said she will be restricted in the amount of travel she can do and the time she can spend standing while she recovers.

Noem is in the midst of a reelection campaign and is also considered a potential 2024 White House contender.

"I won't be able to stand for more than 10, 15 minutes at a time, I won't be able to get out and about South Dakota like I love to do so

much," the governor said in the video where she appeared slightly dispirited.

Dr. Mohamed Bydon said in a statement released by the governor's office that he treated her for an "acute condition impacting her lumbar spine."

He added that the surgery was successful and that the governor is in "excellent health." The governor's office and her campaign spokesman did not immediately respond to a question on how she was injured. □

Americans give health care system failing mark: AP-NORC poll

By AMANDA SEITZ

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — When Emmanuel Obeng-Dankwa is worried about making rent on his New York City apartment, he sometimes holds off on filling his blood pressure medication.

"If there's no money, I prefer to skip the medication to being homeless," said Obeng-Dankwa, a 58-year-old security guard.

He is among a majority of adults in the U.S. who say that health care is not handled well in the country, according to a new poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

The poll reveals that public satisfaction with the U.S. health care system is remarkably low, with fewer than half of Americans saying it is generally handled well. Only 12% say it is handled extremely or very well. Americans have similar views about health care for older adults.

Overall, the public gives even lower marks for how prescription drug costs, the quality of care at nursing homes and mental health care are being handled, with just 6% or less saying those health services are done very well in the country.

"Navigating the American health care system is exceedingly frustrating," said A. Mark Fendrick, the director of the University of Michigan Center for Value-



A nurse checks on IV fluids while talking to a COVID-19 patient at Providence Holy Cross Medical Center in Los Angeles, Dec. 13, 2021.

Associated Press

Based Insurance Design. "The COVID pandemic has only made it worse."

More than two years after the pandemic's start, health care worker burnout and staffing shortages are plaguing hospitals around the country. And Americans are still having trouble getting in-person medical care after health centers introduced restrictions as COVID-19 killed and sickened millions of people around the country, Fendrick said.

In fact, the poll shows an overwhelming majority of Americans, nearly 8 in 10, say they are at least moderately concerned about getting access to qual-

ity health care when they need it.

Black and Hispanic adults in particular are resoundingly worried about health care access, with nearly 6 in 10 saying they are very or extremely concerned about getting good care. Fewer than half of white adults, 44%, expressed the same level of worry.

Racial disparities have long troubled America's health care system. They have been abundantly clear during the COVID-19 pandemic, with Black and Hispanic people dying disproportionately from the virus. Black and Hispanic men also make up a disproportionately high rate of recent

monkeypox infections.

Fifty-three percent of women said they are extremely or very concerned about obtaining quality care, compared to 42% of men. While Americans are united in their dissatisfaction with the health care system, that agreement dissolves when it comes to solutions to fix it.

About two-thirds of adults think it is the federal government's responsibility to make sure all Americans have health care coverage, with adults ages 18 to 49 more likely than those over 50 to hold that view. The percentage of people who believe health care coverage is a government

responsibility has risen in recent years, ticking up from 57% in 2019 and 62% in 2017.

Still, there's not consensus on how that coverage might be delivered.

About 4 in 10 Americans say they support a single-payer health care system that would require Americans to get their health insurance from a government plan. More, 58%, say they favor a government health insurance plan that anyone can purchase.

There also is broad support for policies that would help Americans pay for the costs of long-term care, including a government-administered insurance plan similar to Medicare, the federal government's health insurance for people 65 or older.

Retired nurse Pennie Wright, of Camden, Tennessee, doesn't like the idea of a government-run health care system.

After switching to Medicare this year, she was surprised to walk out of her annual well-woman visit, once fully covered by her private insurance plan, with \$200 worth of charges for a mammogram and a pap smear.

She prefers the flexibility she had on her private insurance plan.

"I feel like we have the best health care system in the world, we have a choice of where we want to go," Wright said. □

Boston Marathon to welcome nonbinary athletes to 2023 race

BOSTON (AP) — Nonbinary athletes will be able to run in next year's Boston Marathon without having to register as members of the men's or women's divisions, race organizers announced Monday.

The Boston Athletic Association, which administers the prestigious marathon, said it's been working to expand opportunities for nonbinary people — not just for the marathon but for the BAA's other races, which include a 5K, a 10K and a half marathon.

Organizers confirmed the

change as registration opened Monday for the 127th running of the marathon on April 17, 2023. A field of about 30,000 is expected for next spring's edition of the storied race. Nonbinary athletes can submit entry applications if they've completed a marathon as a nonbinary participant during the current qualifying window, the BAA said. It said it's still working to establish qualifying standards for nonbinary participants, but that its online applications will include "nonbinary" as a

gender option.

"Discussions are ongoing with nonbinary athletes in an effort to further promote inclusion at all BAA events," the organization said, adding, "We view this first year as an opportunity to learn and grow together." The Boston Marathon is the latest major marathon to begin adding nonbinary divisions.

Last year's Philadelphia Distance Run, a premier event offering a half marathon and a 5K, became the first large race in the U.S. to establish a nonbinary



Runners cross the starting line of the 125th Boston Marathon, Monday, Oct. 11, 2021, in Hopkinton, Mass.

Associated Press

ry division and offer equal prize money. □

Thousands of Minnesota nurses launch 3-day strike over pay

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Thousands of nurses in Minnesota launched a three-day strike Monday, complaining of low salaries and understaffing worsened by the strains of the coronavirus pandemic.

Some 15,000 nurses at seven health care systems in the Minneapolis and Duluth areas walked out. The affected hospitals said they recruited temporary nurses and expected to maintain most services.

Picket signs went up and strike chants began at 7 a.m. outside 15 Twin Cities and Duluth area hospitals. The hospitals and the striking nurses said staff shortages are a shared concern. Minnesota Nurses Association president Mary Turner said pay raises are necessary to address the "crisis of retention" that would otherwise leave the hospitals severely understaffed.

The hospitals have offered 10-12% wage increases but the nurses are seeking more than 30%. Hospital leaders called their wage demands unaffordable, noting that Allina and Fairview hospitals have posted operating losses and that the cost of such sharp



Mary Turner, president of the Minnesota Nurses Association, left, joins nurses striking Monday, Sept. 12, 2022 outside North Memorial Health Hospital in Robbinsdale, Minn.

Associated Press

wage increases would be passed along to patients.

"The union rejected all requests for mediation and held fast to wage demands that were unrealistic, unreasonable and unaffordable," several of the Twin Cities hospitals under strike

said in a joint statement.

Second-year nurse Madi Gay, who was picketing Monday morning after completing her overnight shift, told the Star Tribune that she had already reduced her hours at M Health Fairview Southdale

Hospital because of the stress and frustration of caring for so many severely ill patients.

"How long can you keep this up?" Gay asked. "My license is on the line."

Union spokesman Sam Fettig said the nurses settled

on a three-day rather than open-ended strike because of concerns about the impact of drawn-out labor action on patient care.

"As the nurses always say, this isn't something they want to be doing, they want to be at the bedside providing care," Fettig said. Hospitals argued that the proposals by the union and its nurses are too costly.

"It just isn't a realistic number," Paul Omodt, a spokesman for several of the Minneapolis-area hospitals, said last month.

The hospitals affected by the strike included those operated by Allina Health, M Health Fairview, Children's Hospital, North Memorial and HealthPartners. In Duluth, it was Essentia and St Luke's.

As union members in Minnesota walked the picket line, UW Health nurses and the UW Hospital board in Wisconsin approved an agreement intended to avert a strike that had been scheduled to start Tuesday, a spokesperson for the nurses' union said Monday. Nurses and administrators didn't immediately release details of that agreement. □

Malerba sworn in as 1st Native American in U.S. Treasurer post



The new Treasurer of the United States Lynn Malerba, center, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing of the United States Leonard Olijar, left, with Secretary of the Treasury Janet Yellen, show a document with the signature of Malerba, collected to be used for the United States currency, during a ceremony at the Treasury Department, Monday, Sept. 12, 2022 in Washington.

Associated Press

By FATIMA HUSSEIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mohegan Chief Marilynn "Lynn" Malerba was sworn

in Monday as the Treasurer of the United States, the first Native American to hold that office.

Her signature will now ap-

pear along with Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen on U.S. currency.

Yellen hailed the appointment at the Treasury Department ceremony as a sign of the Biden administration's "respect for, and commitment toward, our nation-to-nation relationship, trust and treaty responsibilities, and Tribal sovereignty and self-determination."

"For all our progress — there is more work to do to strengthen our nation-to-nation relationship with Tribal governments," Yellen said in prepared remarks. They were joined by Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, the first Native American to lead that department, and members of Treasury's Tribal Advisory Committee.

Malerba, who will remain lifetime chief of the Mohegan Indian Tribe which is

made up of roughly 2,400 people, previously worked as a registered nurse, and has served in various tribal government roles.

Biden appointed her U.S. treasurer in June and as overseer of a new Office of Tribal and Native Affairs at the Treasury Department. She is tasked with finding new ways to help tribes develop their economies to overcome challenges that are unique to tribal lands, among other responsibilities.

As part of the ceremony, Malerba signed a book presented by Bureau of Engraving and Printing Director Len Olijar, who will engrave her signature. Her official signature will appear as "Lynn Roberge Malerba" in honor of her maiden name.

A Treasury official said her name will appear on

currency in the coming months.

"We all know that, historically, many promises have not been kept to the indigenous peoples of this nation. But we can and will do better," said Malerba, who wore a red and black tribal ensemble and matching headdress. "My appointment is a promise kept."

"When barriers to economic development are eliminated, tribal communities will thrive and prosper," she said. "We know, when there is robust tribal economic development, our local and state communities prosper as well."

She added that the moment made her think deeply of her parents. "My name will be on currency, when it was so difficult for them to get money in their lifetime," she said during the ceremony. □

Spanish sex club owners, workers protest prostitution bill

The Associated Press

MADRID (AP) — Protesters including brothel owners and sex workers demonstrated Monday in front of the Spanish Parliament over a bill that would penalize prostitution customers and sex club owners or pimps with sentences up to 4 years in prison.

The bill backed by the ruling left-wing PSOE party proposes broadening the definition of pimping, not making the exploitation of a prostitute necessary but a mere trade relation. For the first time in Spain, it would also penalize customers. Demonstrators wore face masks and used bright red umbrellas to conceal their identities.

"We ask the socialist party to withdraw the bill, that implies an actual abolition of prostitution and condemns us to work underground," said Susana Pastor, the president of the Platform against Abolition. She owns an apartment in Valencia where women rent rooms to offer sexual services.

"I came here today to protect my job," said one demonstrator, Sandra, a single mother who has done sex work for 12 years. But the new sex worker



People gather during a demonstration against a bill that would penalize prostitution customers and enablers such as club owners or pimps, facing sentences up to 4 years of imprisonment in front of the Spanish Parliament in Madrid, Spain, Monday, Sept. 12, 2022. Sign reads in Spanish: "sex is health, the service is paid, forcing ourselves is a vice"

Associated Press

union Otras didn't back Monday's protest because sex club owners arranged it.

"They don't look after sex workers' rights at all," Otras

secretary general Concha Borrell told The Associated Press.

Borrell demands legal contracts for sex workers and estimates there are around

200,000 in Spain.

Other groups, including some feminists, oppose normalizing prostitution as a regulated trade.

Charo Carracedo, law-

yer and president of PAP, which advocates for the full abolition of prostitution, told the AP that the new bill is a huge step for the country but should come with provisions to give vulnerable women better access to jobs or subsidies. "It's essential to offer alternatives to prostitution survivors," Carracedo said. Both Otras and the sex business owners deny the government's data that says 90% of the sex work in Spain is forced. Police say 491 victims of trafficking and sexual exploitation were rescued in Spain in 2021.

On a European level, the European Parliament estimates there are up to 180,000 trafficking victims exploited in prostitution and the industry generates 10.8 billion euros (\$10.9 billion) a year in the bloc.

Spain is considered to have one of the laxest legal frameworks for prostitution in Europe, only punishing when exploitation or abuse can be proven. The proposed bill would punish both clients and enablers. It still needs to pass through parliament.

Spain has also recently forbidden ads for prostitution. □

Montenegro wrestles with massive cyberattack, Russia blamed

By DUSAN STOJANOVIC

Associated Press

PODGORICA, Montenegro

(AP) — At the government headquarters in NATO-member Montenegro, the computers are unplugged, the internet is switched off and the state's main websites are down. The black-out comes amid a massive cyberattack against the small Balkan state which officials say bears the hallmark of pro-Russian hackers and its security services. The coordinated attack that started around Aug. 20 crippled online government information platforms and put Montenegro's essential infrastructure, including banking, water and electricity power systems, at high risk.

The attack, described by experts as unprecedented in its intensity and the

longest in the tiny nation's recent history, capped a string of cyberattacks since Russia invaded Ukraine in which hackers targeted Montenegro and other European nations, most of them NATO members.

Sitting at his desk in Montenegro's capital, Podgorica, in front of a blackened PC screen, Defense Minister Rasko Konjevic said government officials were advised by cyber experts, including a team of FBI investigators that was dispatched to the Balkan state, to go offline for security reasons.

"We have been faced with serious challenges related to the cyberattack for about 20 days, and the entire state system, the system of state administration, and the system of services to citizens are functioning at a rather restrictive level,"

Konjevic told The Associated Press.

He said experts from several countries are trying to help restore the Montenegro government's computer system and find proof of who is behind the attack.

Montenegro officials said the attack that crippled the government's digital infrastructure was likely carried out by a Russian-speaking ransomware gang that generally operates without Kremlin interference as long as it doesn't target Russian allies. The gang, called Cuba ransomware, claimed responsibility for at least part of the Montenegro cyberattack, in which it created a special virus for the attack called Zerodate. Montenegro's Agency for National Security blamed the attack squarely on Russia.



Montenegro's Defense Minister Rasko Konjevic speaks during an interview with The Associated Press in Podgorica, Montenegro, Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022.

Associated Press

Russia has a strong motive for such an attack because Montenegro, which it once considered a strong ally, joined NATO in 2017 despite the Kremlin's opposition. It has also joined

Western sanctions against Moscow over the Ukraine invasion, which led Moscow to brand Montenegro an "enemy state" along with several other countries that joined the embargo. □

Germany's Scholz sees no imminent nuclear deal with Iran

By **GEIR MOULSON**

BERLIN (AP) — German Chancellor Olaf Scholz made clear Monday that he doesn't expect an agreement with Iran in the immediate future to restore Tehran's tattered nuclear deal with world powers, though he said there's no reason for Iran not to sign up and European countries would remain "patient."

Scholz spoke after meeting in Berlin with Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid, who insisted that restoring the 2015 agreement would be "a critical mistake." Germany, along with France, Britain, Russia and China, is still a party to the deal and involved in talks on its revival that have dragged on for over a year.

The European countries "have made proposals, and there is no reason now for Iran not to agree to these proposals, but we have to take note of the fact that this isn't the case, so it certainly won't happen soon, although it looked for a while like it would," Scholz said. "We remain patient, but we also remain clear: Iran must be prevented from being able to deploy



German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, right, and Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid, left, arrive for a joint press conference as part of a meeting at the chancellery in Berlin, Germany, Monday, Sept. 12, 2022.

Associated Press

nuclear weapons."

The German leader said that "a functioning international agreement to limit and monitor the Iranian nuclear program is the right way" to do that.

But Lapid said that "it is time to move past the failed negotiations with Iran," which he said can't and won't achieve the goal of stopping Iran getting a nuclear weapon. His office said he

also shared intelligence with the German government.

"Removing sanctions and pouring hundreds of billions of dollars into Iran will bring waves of terrorism, not only to the Middle East, but also across Europe," Lapid said. Israel, which encouraged the U.S. to withdraw from the nuclear deal in 2018, has opposed a renewed agreement between Iran

and the world powers. It says lifting sanctions will allow Iran to funnel billions of dollars to hostile militant groups and says an improved deal must also address Iran's regional military activities and support for hostile groups such as Hezbollah in Lebanon and other militias in Syria.

Speaking Monday at the Jerusalem Post Conference in New York, Israeli Defense

Minister Benny Gantz said Iran has built at least 10 facilities "for mid- and long-range, precise missiles and weapons" in neighboring Syria, including one reportedly targeted by Israel in a recent airstrike.

Gantz said that Iran has produced "more and more advanced centrifuges — including at underground facilities where activities are prohibited" and called for Iran to be held accountable. His remarks couldn't be independently verified. The United States unilaterally pulled out of the nuclear accord in 2018 under then President Donald Trump and reimposed sanctions on Iran, prompting Tehran to start backing away from the deal's terms.

Iran earlier this month responded to a final draft of a roadmap for parties to return to the tattered nuclear deal and bring the U.S. back on board.

A probe by the International Atomic Energy Agency into man-made uranium particles found at three undeclared sites in the country has become a key sticking point in the talks for renewing the agreement. □

Haiti leader urges calm, requests help in nation's crisis



Haitian Prime Minister Ariel Henry speaks during a plenary session at the Summit of the Americas in Los Angeles, June 10, 2022. Haitian Prime Minister Ariel Henry speaks during a plenary session at the Summit of the Americas in Los Angeles, June 10, 2022.

Associated Press

By **EVENS SANON**

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Prime Minister Ariel Henry asked Monday for international help in fighting gang violence in Haiti and pledged yet again to work

toward holding elections as he marked the anniversary of being sworn into office following the president's assassination.

The speech broadcast shortly after midnight fol-

lowed a string of demonstrations across the country to protest worsening conditions, including gang violence, a severe lack of fuel and soaring inflation.

Henry promised that fuel would soon be available on a regular basis and he rejected accusations he is trying to hold onto power.

"That is not true," he said, adding that the country should go into "electoral mode" before the end of the year — a vow he has made repeatedly since taking office last September.

However he has not moved to appoint an electoral council to oversee a vote and U.S. officials have said it will take that body six months to organize a vote. Haiti currently has only 10 elected officials — all members of the Senate — since it failed to hold legislative

elections in October 2019 at a time of political gridlock and massive protests. President Jovenel Moïse had been ruling by decree for more than a year before was assassinated in July 2021.

Henry renewed appeals for international support to strengthen the police, fight corruption and improve the economy.

He also condemned the violence of recent protests, but acknowledged that multiple crises are hitting Haiti and many people are living in abject poverty.

"The country has a lot of problems," he said. "I am calling on everyone to stay calm. The government is working with what it has."

Gang-related violence and kidnappings have spiked and a growing number of Haitians are fleeing the country, with dozens dying

in recent months in the sinking of rickety, overloaded smuggling boats.

Meanwhile, attempts to try those arrested in the assassination of Moïse have been stalled by the resignation of four judges appointed to oversee the investigation, with some saying they feared for their lives.

More than 40 people have been arrested in Haiti, including high-ranking police officers and a group of former Colombian soldiers. At least two of three suspects detained outside Haiti were extradited to the U.S., where they face charges including conspiring to commit murder or kidnapping outside the United States.

Henry himself has come under suspicion. Last year he fired a chief prosecutor who had asked a judge to charge him. □

High temperatures affecting electricity wires causing interruptions

ORANJESTAD – Jonathan van der Linden, Maintenance Specialist at NV Elmar explains that it's true that recently electricity company Elmar is confronting interruptions in Elmar's grid. Van der Linden explains that there are various factors for this, and heat is playing a big role.

Recently, the local community of Aruba is dealing with various problems with electricity in different areas of our island. According to Elmar, the high temperature is affecting Elmar's grid recently, and not so much in the area of capacity, but more regarding wires under the ground, which short circuit affecting the area. There is also rain which is affecting Elmar's installations, not only cables, but high voltage installations – humidity rises in the area and this has an effect on the installations.

Elmar continuously informs regarding maintenance on its equipment, this is something to try to mitigate the problem. There are times where bad weather has a big im-

pact on Elmar. They always have their equipment and personnel ready for these times. At home, for example, people have a breaker box and there is a breaker that for example goes to the kitchen. In the kitchen you can have 10 stop contacts, and if one of these short circuits, all others lose power. This is also the case for Elmar, but on a much bigger scale.

Elmar's personnel begin by isolating the problem in order to reestablish electricity supply. The humidity also has a big effect, particularly at night. It was also noted that these days, around 9pm the 'peak' is very high because everyone goes home, turns on their air conditioning; as well as having more electric vehicles these days, so the demand is high.

In the last week, Elmar experienced never-before seen peak, according to Van der Linden, where capacity was at 256 megawatt of transformer, meaning that there is enough capacity space. However,



er, here and there it is possible for things to go wrong.

In August 2022, Aruba received 100,770 stay-over visitors August 2022 surpassed the numbers of August 2019

ORANJESTAD – Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) informed that for the month of August, our destination received a total of 100,770 stay-over visitors. If the month of August 2022 is compared to August 2019 – which was the last normal tourism year – it can be noted that Aruba recovered 105% of the amount of August 2019.

The three markets which stood out the most for amount of tourists who visited in August 2022, as well

as the rate of recovery in the different regions are: United States, with 78,307 visitors, which represent a rate of recovery of 110% compared to August 2019. The Netherlands, with 3,236 visitors, which represent a rate of recovery of 98% compared to August 2019. And Colombia, with 2,384 visitors which represents a rate of recovery of 87% compared to August 2019.

2022 compared to 2021
2022 is showing a stronger and

more stable growth than 2021. Comparing August 2022 with August 2021, a growth of 26% can be noted in the amount of stay-over visitors, from 80,230 visitors to 100,770 visitors.

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North America remains as the strongest market for Aruba, and in August 2022, a total of 80,862 North American visitors arrived in Aruba. This is 80.2% of the total stay-over visitors. In August 2022, Europe

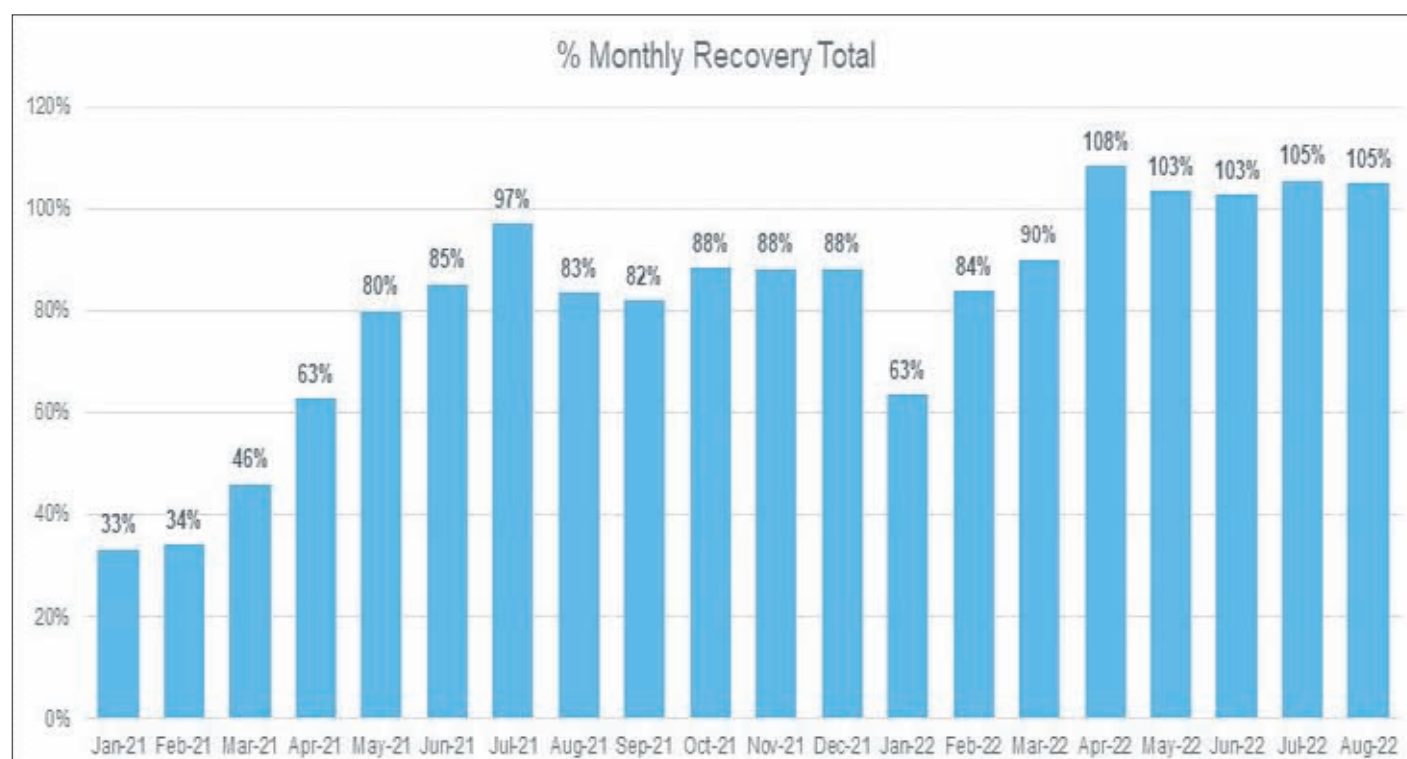
grew with 9,701 visitors to Aruba, which is 9.6% of all stay-over visitors. A total of 7,641 visitors, representing 7.6% of stay-over visitors were from Latin America; and 2.5% of the total stay-over visitors for August 2022 – which is 2,566 visitors – visited our island from other parts of the world.

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The first 8 months of 2022, Aruba received a total of 738,101 stay-over visitors, representing a recovery rate of 95% compared to the same months of 2019. It needs to be noted that in the first 8 months of 2022, the market of the United States surpassed the amount of visitors for the same period in 2019, with 2,874 visitors.

Tourism Credits/ Central Bank of Aruba

According to the Central Bank, the so-called Tourism Credits (previously called Tourism Receipts) for the year of 2021 contributed Afl. 3,169.9 million to the local economy, which is 65.5% more compared to the same period in 2020. This is naturally due to the global pandemic of Covid-19, during which Aruba also closed its borders temporarily. Tourism Credits recovered with 80% when comparing 2021 to 2019.



Farmers Market at the Ostrich Farm

Every first Sunday of the month the Ostrich Farm organized and facilitate the largest farmers market on the island. Everything sold during the farmers market are locally crafted, produced and grown. Locally artisans and farmers gather at the farmers market to showcase proudly their products.

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Website XII CAROSAI Congress

ORANJESTAD - The General Audit Chamber Aruba, in addition to its task of auditing the efficiency and legality of public funds of Land Aruba, also holds the presidency of the regional organization CAROSAI.

CAROSAI is the organization of Supreme Audit Institutions in the Caribbean established in Trinidad and Tobago on August 7, 1988. Membership in CAROSAI is open to the Supreme Audit Institution in the Caribbean and currently consists of twenty-three (23) member countries/islands. CAROSAI is governed by an Executive Committee

and is currently chaired for the next three (3) years by the General Audit Chamber Aruba. CAROSAI is one (1) of the seven (7) regional organizations that belong to the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions - INTOSAI. INTOSAI has provided an institutional framework for the highest body in a country for over 50 years.

The purpose of INTOSAI is to promote development and knowledge transfer and improve the audit of government agencies in all parts of the world and the Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) capacity in their

respective countries.

The SAI organized a congress of Supreme Audit Institutions in hybrid form for the first time during the last XII Congress of CAROSAI held in May 2022. It is to encourage online participation. They also developed a dedicated website, <https://www.arubaxiicarosaicongress.com>, where more information is available on the congress events, speakers, and presentations at the XII CAROSAI congress. For additional information, you may consult the website of the General Audit Chamber Aruba: <https://www.rekenkamer>.

aw, as well as the digital platform of the National Library of Aruba.

More information about the next OLACEFS congress, which will take place in Oaxaca de Juárez, Mexico, from September 20-24, 2022, is available at <https://olacefs.com>.

You may find information on the INTOSAI - XXIV INCO-SAI 2022 Congress, which will take place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from November 7-11, 2022, via <https://incosai2022.rio.br/>. The

Netherlands Court of Audit will be present at both congresses as the Chairman of CAROSAI.

The central theme of the XXIV INTOSAI Congress is "The work of Supreme Audit Institutions in the face of public calamities" and "Global voice, global outcome, and far-reaching impact." During this congress, the president of CAROSAI, Ms. Xiomara Croes-Williams, will present a "Declaration", as a result of the XII CAROSAI Congress. □

Stimami Sterilisami raises 35K for its national spay and neuter program at their Summer Sidewalk Sale

Oranjestad - Stimami Sterilisami Foundation was able to raise an incredible 35.000 Florins at its Summer Sidewalk Sale, the largest local hotel sale event in history, that took place at Sun Plaza. "We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the incredible turnout, the Aruban community's support, and each and every contribution and volunteer that made this event a success.

It was truly heartwarming to see how many organizations participated and the items that they donated in support of the sale. We would like to thank Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort, Marriott Vacation Club, Ritz Carlton, RIU Hotel & Resorts, Tara Eco Supplies, Ben Kaufman, Yesenia Arends, Sun Plaza, Craft & Lola, New York Laundry, Nine Lives Foundation, Sgt Pepper's Friends and Luna Foundation for their generous contributions and volunteers. In addition to thanking the organizations, I would like to give special thanks to the Board Members of Stimami, Jenny Erazo, Kamilla Erazo, DavikaHoo, and Jasmin Maduro, for their assis-

tance, time, and dedication in organizing the event." Ewald Biemans, President of Stimami Sterilisami, explains.

The day was filled with incredible deals on brand new and used hotel items, activities for children organized by the Marriott activities team, and the possibility of adopting a puppy or kitten from Nine Lives Foundation, Sgt Pepper's Friends, and Luna Foundation. The event was attended by a record number of visitors, with customers already lining up two hours before the event started and items selling out within the first few hours.

100% of all funds raised will be used to cover the costs of sterilizations of cats and dogs through Stimami Sterilisami's national spay and neuter campaign. Stimami Sterilisami invites the entire Aruban community and volunteer groups to register their pets via www.stimamisterilisami so that we can continue with our mission to mitigate the suffering of abandoned pets. □

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Attractions and Sightseeing locations in Aruba



ORANJESTAD — There are enough sightseeing locations on the island to fill up a month-long vacation. Aruba's beaches are a big attraction, and although it's great to spend long days just relaxing on the beach and listening to the ocean, there are also plenty of opportunities to get to know Aruba's most attractive sights, historical and natural attractions, and museums. Check out these attractions you don't want to miss!

Blue Horses in Downtown, Oranjestad

This series of 8 sculptures were created by native Aruban artist Osaira Muyale. She named the project Paarden Baai, which translates to "Horse Bay". The statues were installed in 2015 and pay homage to the rich history

of Aruba's horse trading industry. In the 17th Century Aruba was used by many countries (Europe, South America, Caribbean islands, and the Mediterranean) as a trading post. The most popular being cattle and horse trading. Horses were once the most important sources of livelihood for Aruba.

For 4 centuries the horse and cattle trade ran strong. At any given time Aruba was home to herds of thousands of horses that roamed the island. Aruba being the perfect trading post encouraged an extremely diverse culture and is the reason almost all Arubans speak more than 1 or 2 languages.

Each of the 8 bright royal blue horses is unique and carries its own name and personality. Pictured above is the mare Sinforosa, but



you can also find Saturnina, Escapia, Rosalina, Eufrosina, Ambrosio, Bonifacia, and Celestina. The sculptures embody strength, nobility, grace, beauty and freedom. They represent the historical moment where the horses jumped from the ship decks into the Caribbean and swam to the Aruban Bay.

When you visit Aruba be sure to explore downtown Oranjestad and try to find all 8!

The Lourdes Grotto

Named in commemoration of the famous French religious landmark, was created under the guidance of a priest named "Erkamp" and parishioners in the year 1958. The grotto, a shrine built into the rocks is located in Seroe Preto, just off the main road to San Nicolas.

A statue of the Virgin Mary, weighing 700 kilos, was hoisted into place in the grotto. Every year, on February 11 (feast of Lady of Lourdes), a procession leaves from the St. Theresa church in San Nicolas to the grotto, where a mass is performed. The grotto is located road-side and can be visited daily. Just make sure you park safely in the event you wish to stop for pictures at this location.

Bubali Bird Sanctuary

Watch more than 80 species of migratory birds from the Bubali watch tower, overlooking their resting and breeding area. The observation tower allows birdwatchers to get a true birds' eye view. Migratory birds, looking for lush vegetation in which to nest, find an oasis within the Bubali Bird Sanctuary.



The nearby water treatment facility empties into two inter-connected man-made bird ponds. Birds that inhabit the sanctuary include herons, egrets, gulls, skimmers, coots, ducks and more. Located within walking distance of the Palm Beach resorts, the Bubali Bird Sanctuary offers some unique bird watching opportunities. You can't miss it as it is located just in front of the historical Old Dutch Windmill. Make sure to bring your camera as many of these birds will randomly fly by the observation tower giving a little show. This is a great place to bring kids for a unique and possibly once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be so close to the untamed.

The happiest island in the Caribbean is so much more than just sun, sand and sea. □

Can I have a ..., please?



ORANJESTAD — Want to taste something different for a change?? How about a different breakfast from what you are used to at your hotel. Hop in your car, drive around and anywhere around the island you will come across a local snack shop.

Here you will find all types of snacks loved by the locals. Try a pastechi, a Caribbean pastry filled with cheese or meat and fried up deliciously. Or perhaps you might want to try a croquette, a crusty little meat ball.



A dedito is also a good option, it's a stick made out of cheese or hotdog. If you want to try something more familiar go for a homemade hamburger or a ham and cheese toast, but with a local touch.

All these snacks are ridiculously addictive. Freshen up with a delicious fruit shake (batido) made out of watermelon, strawberry, banana, papaya or just mix any fruit together. What makes these little snack shops more attractive is the warmth of its people and with the smile you are being served. □

Interview with photographer Hubert de Cuba “Taking pictures makes me very happy”

“I dropped from the pan into the fire.” Everyone who is active in paintball for more than 15 years and invests in the latest paintball guns knows how much investment it requires. But these days, Hubert de Cuba (54) decided to shoot with a different object, and his weapon is a camera.

“I am not a professional photographer. I consider myself an advanced amateur”, he told our reporter. Hubert de Cuba began in the world of photography back in 2010, after completing a basic course with Ron van Kessel. His goal was to take pictures of sports activities. But during the pandemic, particularly during lockdown, every activity was stopped. “I wanted to do something else,

so I chose scenery. I did a course online for scenery photography, by Tim Shields from Canada. I was getting homework to do, and based on these works, I received a certificate.”

This is how Hubert developed his interest for Aruba's scenery, including the sea. And from one comes the other, because part of the scenery is our animals, great and small, on land, water and in the air. “And I fell in love with macro photography, where you take pictures of very small animals and insects, that don't catch your eye right away. You can let people appreciate their details.”

Different photography, different techniques

What allowed Hubert spe-

cialize in animal photography is his experience taking pictures of sport activities. “The technique is similar. In sport, it's not just about going on the field and photographing a batter from every angle. You can't get on the field; you need a long lens with which to reach the players from a distance. In wildlife it's the same. You can't just come up to a bird, it will fly away. What's beautiful about such a picture is that you need to filter the frame, for the picture to be neat. For such an image, you need a camera that shoots very fast and big lenses.”

There is a reason why Hubert became one of the most outstanding photographers for his images of the animal world. He's not professional, but the effort he puts into his skill, technique and the investment in cameras is professional level. “I follow a lot of international photographers who specialize in sports. And at the end, they all say the same. They say that whoever wants to go in sports needs a suitcase full of money.”

This is why he decided to launch his website now, printsofaruba.com, with all his pictures, and those interested can buy and have these printed. His pictures now have already gone around the world, particularly because of the possibility of printing, even on aluminum, makes the images stand out and even inspire others in their own art.

The person who got Hubert into photography was his daughter, Kimberly de Cuba. “Kimberly started photographing parties, but after a disappointment, she stopped. Myself, I never felt like taking pictures at private events, being weddings or baptisms. There might be money in it, but it doesn't attract me. I don't feel comfortable to ask people to take their pictures. My son Stiven, on the other hand, is very good in



this style of photography. He can get a group of 400 together, make them smile and get a gorgeous picture. I respect him.” Stiven lives in the Netherlands but travels all around the world photographing events.

Aside from expensive equipment, a scenery and wildlife photographer needs patience. And there are times when a GoPro itself is enough. A turtle right under the surface of the sea, before reaching out for a breath; a fish scared in the air before being eaten by a pelican; and a seagull cleaning its guts in the air are some of the impressive images that Hubert took with his GoPro, which garnered international attention. “It's about being on the right spot at the right time.” However, Hubert is convinced that his own camera and lens would produce even better pictures, and he is ready to invest once again in special equipment to take pictures under the sea.

The passion to take pictures of sports activities is still alive. Last weekend, Hubert was in Colombia to take pictures. Regrettably in Aruba the challenge to take a good image is the bright lights at sports facilities, which lower the quality of the final product. “There is a lot of noise in the pictures.”

His mentor is Anthony Carlo, who aside from his advoca-

cy work is very dedicated to sports photography. “He always told me, sports photography is like fishing. You either catch a fish or you don't. This always stayed in my mind.” This means that Hubert became very critical of his own pictures, and only wants the perfect picture. This means deleting if necessary, between 150 to 170 pictures until he finds ‘the one’.

Thanks to his eye, patience and auto criticism, Hubert was among 100 photographers from around the world chosen to participate with three pictures in the virtual wildlife photography exhibit organized by Sir Richard Branson's Virgin Limited Edition.

This is the direction in which Hubert wants to go, to continue participating in international competition to stimulate his own development as a photographer and also to bring Aruba's nature on an international platform. His pictures and paintings hang around the world, and the possibilities are limitless.

And even though De Cuba was able to leave his paintball guns aside, everyone in photography knows that the investment in lens, other tools, and time that's needed costs a lot of money. Even more than paintball. But the results bright a lot of joy to many, particularly the photographer. “I am super happy.”



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: A GRANDPARENT IS A LITTLE BIT PARENT, A LITTLE BIT TEACHER AND A LITTLE BIT BEST FRIEND. — UNKNOWN

How to balance competing savings goals



In this April 3, 2019, file photo a tip box is filled with U.S. currency in New York.

Associated Press

By KIMBERLY PALMER of NerdWallet

Saving money sounds straightforward — set cash aside for a future purpose — but in reality, people often face competing savings priorities. We want it all: the travel, the house, the flush savings account. So how do we figure out which savings goals to put first, especially when we're working toward so many things at once?

"You're also still trying to live and have fun and not eat ramen noodles every day," says Al-Nesha Jones, a certified public accountant and founder of ASE Group, a full-service accounting, tax and advisory firm in West Orange, New Jersey. Saving is further complicated by the fact that we're currently facing economic uncertainty, higher prices on everyday items and a tumultuous stock market.

Figuring out your savings priorities isn't easy, but these strategies can act as guideposts:

PUT YOUR EMERGENCY FUND FIRST

Consider how you felt the last time you couldn't cover an emergency, Jones says. "If it gave you major anxiety, keep that feeling in mind when you prioritize." In other words, create your emergency fund before everything else, because it's so critical to financial security. "Now more than ever, people are understanding the importance of a rainy day fund," says Eric Maldonado, certified fi-

nancial planner and owner of Aquila Wealth Advisors in San Luis Obispo, California. "It's good fundamentals to have cash in case stuff starts costing more."

NEXT, PRIORITIZE RETIREMENT

"Retirement is a long-term game and time is on your side, so even if you start with something very small, the more time you give yourself to work on it, the better off you'll be," Jones says. "If you keep pushing retirement off, we blink and now we're scrambling."

Thinking through the worst-case scenarios of not saving for different goals can help underscore the importance of funding retirement accounts. Noah Damsky, principal of Marina Wealth Advisors in Los Angeles, says you should save for the categories with the most severe consequences first — and retirement tops that list, since no one wants to be impoverished in old age. "Running through those scenarios helps crystallize what's important," Damsky says.

DECIDE WHAT YOU WANT IN THE NEAR TERM

This next category of savings priorities is complicated, because you must determine your near-term goals. They might include buying a home, traveling, moving to a new city, starting a family or something else entirely.

Dale L. Shafer II, CFP and founder of Life Moves Wealth Management in Scottsdale, Arizona, re-

cently moved with his family to that area from Michigan, and his near-term goal is to save up to buy a home there. The pandemic spurred many people to make major lifestyle changes, he says, and as a result their near-term savings goals shifted.

"Sometimes we reset expectations and sometimes we achieve more than we thought," he says. It's important to check in on your savings progress at least several times a year so you can recalibrate when needed.

Jay Zigmont, CFP and founder of Childfree Wealth in Water Valley, Mississippi, works with clients who don't have and aren't planning on having children. He says many of them are focused on major life shifts, such as starting a business, moving overseas, traveling or taking a sabbatical from work. "You might not be able to do everything at once, but you can do most things over time," Zigmont says.

STAY ORGANIZED

To keep all of these goals straight, Maldonado suggests opening a separate savings account for each one and giving it a nickname, such as "Greece, \$5,000" or "Lake cabin rental, \$1,500."

Online, high-yield savings accounts tend to offer higher returns than those at traditional banks, and you can set up automatic deductions from your checking account or paycheck. "It's positive inertia that keeps the money going where you want it," he adds.

You can always make changes later. "Just get in the habit of saving, and then you can go back and add other goals," Jones says.

ENJOY LIFE ALONG THE WAY

As important as it is to save for all of those priorities, so is enjoying life today. Don't wait until you have a fully funded retirement to put money toward items that bring you joy, Jones warns. □

Bezos rocket crashes after liftoff, only experiments aboard



This image provided by Blue Origin shows a capsule containing science experiments after a launch failure on Monday, Sept. 12, 2022.

Associated Press

By **MARCIA DUNN**
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)

— A rocket crashed back to Earth shortly after liftoff Monday in the first launch accident for Jeff Bezos' space travel company, but the capsule carrying experiments managed to parachute to safety. No one was aboard the Blue Origin flight, which used the same kind of rocket as the one that sends paying customers to the edge of space. The rockets are now grounded pending the outcome of an investigation, the Federal Aviation Administration said.

The New Shepard rocket was barely a minute into its flight from West Texas when bright yellow flames shot out from around the single engine at the bottom. The capsule's emergency launch abort system im-

mediately kicked in, lifting the craft off the top. Several minutes later, the capsule parachuted onto the remote desert floor.

The rocket came crashing down, with no injuries or damage reported, said the FAA, which is in charge of public safety during commercial space launches and landings.

Blue Origin's launch commentary went silent when the capsule catapulted off the rocket Monday morning, eventually announcing: "It appears we've experienced an anomaly with today's flight. This wasn't planned."

"Booster failure on today's uncrewed flight. Escape system performed as designed," the Kent, Washington-based company tweeted close to an hour later.

The company later said the

rocket crashed.

The mishap occurred as the rocket was traveling nearly 700 mph (1,126 kph) at an altitude of about 28,000 feet (8,500 meters). There was no video shown of the rocket — only the capsule — after the failure. It happened around the point the rocket is under the maximum amount of pressure, called max-q.

The rocket usually lands upright on the desert floor and then is recycled for future flights.

The webcast showed the capsule reaching a maximum altitude of more than 37,000 feet (11,300 meters). Thirty-six experiments were on board to be exposed to a few minutes of weightlessness. Half were sponsored by NASA, mostly from students.

It was the 23rd flight for the New Shepard program, named after the first American in space, Mercury astronaut Alan Shepard. It

was the ninth flight for this particular rocket-capsule pair, which was dedicated to flying experiments. Blue Origin's most recent flight with paying customers was just last month; the ticket price hasn't been released. □

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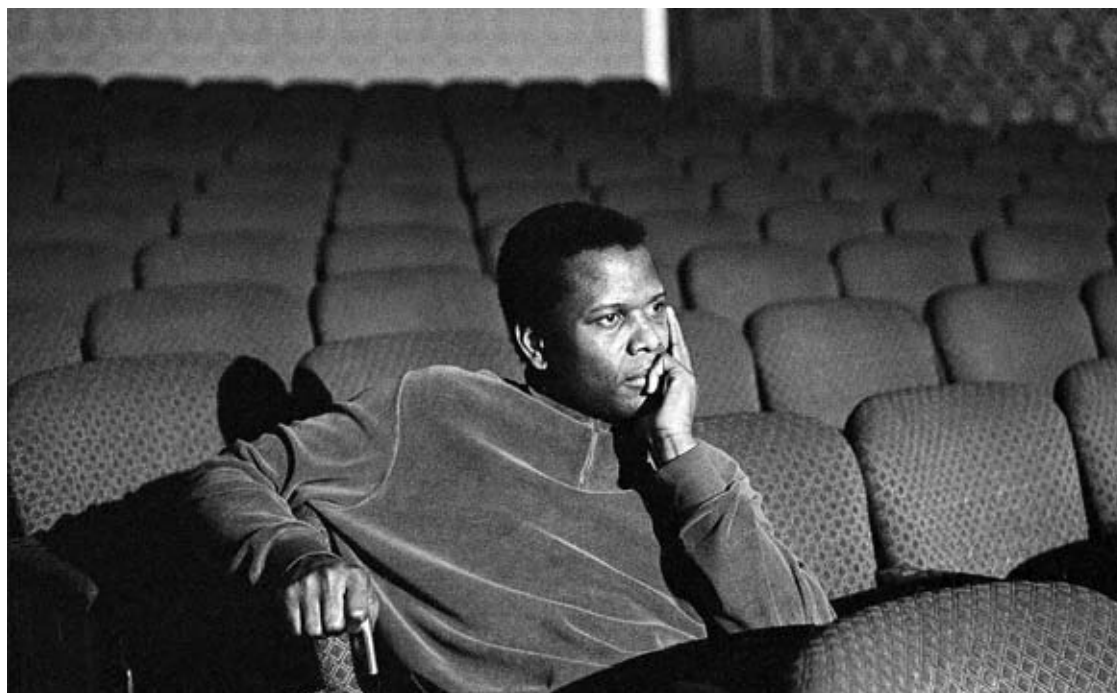
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TORONTO (AP) — Oprah Winfrey was discussing her profound affection for trail-blazing actor Sidney Poitier — a longtime friend and mentor to her — when she was overcome by emotion during an interview on the upcoming documentary "Sidney," a life-spanning portrait. She plunged her head into her hands and cried, "I just love him so much." Denzel Washington, Spike Lee, Morgan Freeman, George Nelson, Robert Redford and Halle Berry were all interviewed in "Sidney," and their reflections on the iconic performer and civil-rights activist are often illuminating. But "Sidney" means something intensely personal for Winfrey, a producer on the film. "I was trying not to lose it, actually, because my love for him is as deep and as strong as for any human being I know," Winfrey said in an interview at the Toronto International Film Festival, where "Sidney" premiered Saturday. "He was my adviser, my counselor, my friend, my comfort, my balm, my joy."

"Sidney," which Apple TV+ will premiere Sept. 23, arrives eight months after the death of Poitier, the groundbreaking actor who



This image provided by AppleTV shows Sidney Poitier in "Sidney," premiering Sept. 23, 2022 on Apple TV+. Apple TV+ via Associated Press

paved the way for countless Black actors in Hollywood and single-handedly revolutionized how they were portrayed on screen. Directed by Reginald Hudlin, "Sidney" was made with the cooperation of Poitier's family. Much of it had been completed before he died in January at the age of 94, including his interview with Winfrey.

But the loss of Poitier — whom Winfrey at the time of his death called "the greatest of the 'Great Trees'" — has made "Sidney" only more poignant. "The film is an act of love

for me for him," Winfrey said as tears again welled up. "I don't know why I'm breaking down. My opportunity to do this was my offering to him."

Winfrey has said her life was irrevocably altered when she saw Poitier become the first Black performer to win best actor at the Academy Awards (for 1963's "Lilies in the Field"). A life in show business suddenly became attainable to her. They later met for the first time when Winfrey's talk show was taking off. Poitier was one of the few who could understand what she was going

through as a Black entertainer.

"During the early days of navigating fame and all that comes with fame, being assaulted on all sides by Black people, white people, people saying you're not this or you should be doing that, he was the person I turned to," said Winfrey.

"He said, 'It's always a struggle and a challenge when you're carrying other people's dreams.'"

It was the first of many conversations over the years.

"Remember 'Tuesdays with Morrie'? I could have done

"Sundays with Sidney," says Winfrey. "He was my person. He was my guy. He was my friend and my brother."

Hudlin, the director of "House Party" and the Thurgood Marshall drama "Marshall," estimates he had completed about 90% of the interviews on the film when Poitier died.

"Whatever pressure I was putting on myself basically doubled," Hudlin said. "There was a disappointment to know that he would never see it, but I was glad at a time when everyone wanted to touch him and connect with him, we would have this movie."

Interviews with Poitier were conducted earlier, separate of the film, before the star's health deteriorated. But the footage of Poitier speaking directly to camera, and hearing that voice narrate his life story, makes for one last chance to be in his regal presence. Poitier, born in the Bahamas, talks about how his young identity was forged without racism's influence. It wasn't until he left for Miami at 15 that he encountered it.

"I left the Bahamas with this sense of myself," Poitier says in the film. "And from the time I got off the boat, America began to say to me, 'You're not who you think you are.'"

William Klein, American photographer in Paris, dies at 96



This photo provided by William Klein's family shows a self-portrait of American photographer William Klein in 1993, painted by the artist on a contact sheet.

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PARIS (AP) — William Klein, an American photographer whose innovative por-

traiture style strongly influenced fashion and street photography in the second

half of the 20th century, has died at 96.

Klein died Saturday in Paris, his son, Pierre Klein, said in a statement Monday.

Born in New York City in 1926 to Hungarian Jewish parents, Klein grew up in Manhattan and studied sociology at the City College of New York. After serving in Europe with the U.S. Army during World War II, he moved to Paris to study painting under the G.I. Bill. Klein met and married Jeanne Florin, a model and painter, soon after his arrival in Paris. The couple lived together in France until her death in 2005.

Klein, who studied briefly with French painters Andre Lhote and Fernand Leger,

had his first solo exhibition of paintings in Brussels in 1951, and another in Milan a year later. In 1954, he turned his attention to photography after meeting Alexander Liberman, the artistic director at Vogue, and began a 10-year collaboration with the magazine.

During the same period, he created a ground-breaking photographic diary of his native New York, titled "Life is Good & Good For You in New York." The book featured Klein's unconventional use of wide angles, contrasts in composition and unusual framing, which came to define the still-nascent genre of street photography.

The book was published in

Paris, London and Rome in 1956 and won the Nadar Prize the following year. He published other photo diaries of other cities, Rome in 1959, Moscow and Tokyo in 1964, and Paris in 2002.

He was also a noted filmmaker, producing several documentary and feature films throughout his career, addressing topics like the fashion industry, the war in Vietnam and famed boxer Muhammed Ali.

Klein first ventured into cinema in 1956, when Italian director Federico Fellini, impressed by Klein's raw images of New York City street life, had asked him to work on his 1957 film "Nights of Cabiria," about a prostitute in Rome.

As Judge approaches milestone, what counts more: 61 or 73?

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NEW YORK (AP) — To some, Aaron Judge's season has a special sheen because he appears to be Mr. Clean. They would consider Judge the record-holder if he surpasses Roger Maris' 61 homers, absent the steroids stain sticking to the tainted trio of Barry Bonds, Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa. "To me, the holder of the record for home runs in a season is Roger Maris," author George Will said. "There's no hint of suspicion that we're seeing better baseball than better chemistry in the case of Judge. He's clean. He's not doing something that forces other players to jeopardize their health." Bonds' 73 and other Steroids Era peaks are viewed by critics as phantoms, totals as inflated as the biceps of those bulked up hitters.

Judge entered Monday with 55 homers through the New York Yankees' first 141 games, leaving 21 games to go. Judge towers over everyone else, and not just because he is 6-foot-7: Kyle Schwarber is second in homers with 37 for Philadelphia.

Judge has hit 22,676 feet of home runs this year — 4.29 miles — with an average distance of 412 feet, according to MLB Statcast.

"Judge is like Secretariat in the Belmont," broadcaster Bob Costas said, thinking back to the Triple Crown-winning 31-length victory in 1973. "He's percentages



New York Yankees' Aaron Judge hits a single during the first inning a baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022, in New York.

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above everyone else. It's downplayed now — he's hitting .300, so he's a classic great player. The great players have power and average. Well, he's doing that.

And in the context of this season and in this era, that's really something. And he certainly should have in any reasonable person's mind put the most valuable argument for this year to bed."

With his black matte Chandler model maple bat, Judge is hitting .307 with 121 RBIs — 12 more than anyone else.

Up until the 1990s, baseball's great debate was

whether whether Maris' 1961 season should count as the record because he played more games.

Ruth's 60 in 1927 stood as the standard for 34 years. Maris' mark lasted 37 until Mark McGwire hit 70 in 1998, part of an apparently juiced jolt that saw Sammy Sosa hit 66. McGwire followed with 65 the next year as Sosa hit 63. Power peaked in 2001, when Barry Bonds hit a previously unfathomable 73 and Sosa 64.

"Personally, I think that those records are tainted, and therefore I'm rooting very much for Judge," former baseball Commis-

sioner Fay Vincent said. "I think he's absolutely clean. I don't think there's any performance-enhancing drug involvement or taint with Judge. And so I think one of the reasons his performance is so illuminating and so compelling is that it's totally clean."

Since drug testing with penalties started in 2004, the highest total has been Giancarlo Stanton's 59 for Miami in 2017.

"Fans, writers, Hall of Fame voters, all those groups that matter are going to make their own judgments about how his accomplishments should be weighed against other players who

may have been disclosed as using performance-enhancing drugs," current Commissioner Rob Manfred said. "They're going to place appropriate weight on those performances. I have found Judge's performance to be as compelling and captivating as any as I've ever seen."

Maris' legitimacy was debated because the American League schedule increased to 162 games in 1961 following expansion. With Maris at 35 homers, then-Commissioner Ford Frick decided that July 17 that if anyone topped Ruth in more than 154 games "there would have to be some distinctive mark in the record books to show that Babe Ruth's record was set under a 154-game schedule."

That "distinctive mark" became known as an "asterisk" and it remained until Sept. 4, 1991, when a committee on statistical accuracy chaired by Vincent voted unanimously to recognize Maris as the record-holder.

At 30, Judge has an impeccable reputation in an era during which each player is tested for performance-enhancing drugs during spring training and is subject to random tests during the season and offseason. McGwire admitted in 2010 he used steroids while breaking Maris' record. Bonds and Sosa maintain they never knowingly used banned substances. □

Dodgers haven't clinched playoff spot, celebration premature

PHOENIX (AP) — The Los Angeles Dodgers, it turns out, aren't definitely in the playoffs quite yet.

Despite a postgame clinching toast by manager Dave Roberts in the clubhouse Sunday, the celebration was a bit premature. The math didn't add up, the Dodgers were still short.

Mookie Betts, Freddie Freeman and the Dodgers could become the first team in the majors to officially seal a postseason

spot with a win Monday night at Arizona.

The Dodgers own the best record in baseball at 96-43. They held a 20-game lead over San Diego in the NL West and had a magic number of two for clinching their ninth division title in 10 years.

Los Angeles has reached the postseason in 10 straight seasons.

The Dodgers thought their 11-2 win at San Diego on Sunday put them in the

playoffs.

Roberts led a toast with sparkling wine and the players and staff were given caps with the postseason logo.

Instead, with a new playoff system in place this season, there remained a multi-team tiebreaker scenario that mathematically would exclude them — they would have to go 0-23 and Milwaukee would need to finish 21-0 to put that possibility in play. □



Los Angeles Dodgers manager Dave Roberts gestures to the crowd after the team defeated the San Diego Padres in a baseball game, Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022, in San Diego.

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Carlos Alcaraz, 19, US Open champ, No. 1, unique

NEW YORK (AP) — Carlos Alcaraz got out of bed Monday as a U.S. Open champion, as the No. 1-ranked player in men's tennis at age 19 — and, truth be told, exhausted.

"I woke up dead," the Spaniard said through that already-familiar wide smile during an interview with The Associated Press that followed a Times Square photo shoot with his fingerprint-smudged first Grand Slam trophy.

"So many tough days in a row. High intensity. High level," said Alcaraz, the first man in 30 years to win five-setters in the fourth round, quarterfinals and semifinals and still come away with the title at Flushing Meadows. "I don't know how I played so many tough and



U.S. Open men's singles tennis champion Carlos Alcaraz poses in Times Square, Monday, Sept. 12, 2022, in New York.

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So, too, does the rest of the world.

His youth certainly contributes to the fascination with Alcaraz as the sport looks for a fresh face after decades of dominance by Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer, who each has at least 20 Grand Slam titles.

Alcaraz is the first teenager to top the ATP rankings, the first teenager to win the U.S. Open since Pete Sampras in 1990, the first teenager to win any major tournament since Nadal in 2005.

Asked what he considers his best quality, Alcaraz paused to ponder, then chuckled sheepishly.

"I'm a dynamic player. I can do anything on court," he said. "The opponent can't read my shots. In some moments, I can try (unique) shots. I can do a lot of shots."

Like the behind-the-back one against Sinner, say. Or the sprinting-away-from-the-net, twisting flick of a forehand he pulled off more than once against Tiafoe. Or the landing-on-his-belly-on-the-run forehand that just barely missed against Ruud.

"I've always been like that. I never give up. I just believe I can win every point," Alcaraz said. "If the point seems lost, I still believe I have a chance to get the ball, to keep the point alive. So I run. And I consider myself fast."

Ruud considers Alcaraz a mixture of Nadal's speed and Djokovic's flexibility.

"It makes us other players feel like you need to paint the lines, sort of, to be able to hit a winner. Sometimes even that's not enough," said Ruud, a 23-year-old from Norway who is now ranked No. 2 after two runner-up finishes at the past three Slams.

"He's very fast. He's very quick. He's a great mover," Ruud said. "He can get to balls that we've probably never seen before."

Alcaraz grew up admiring Nadal, who's 36, and Federer, 41 — "but," he said Monday, "a little bit more Rafa, because he's Spanish." □

long matches."

By the end of that run, which included saving a match point during his 5-hour, 15-minute quarterfinal victory over Jannik Sinner, then a 4-hour, 19-minute semifinal victory over Frances Tiafoe, before Sunday's 6-4, 2-6, 7-6 (1), 6-3 victory over Casper Ruud, Alcaraz was spent.

Not that he was about to let anyone know.

"You have to show the opponents you are good, you are fine. But you're dealing with problems all the time. You have to know that — and you have to overcome that. You have to be fine with that," Alcaraz said, sitting in a stuffed chair on the top floor of a Manhattan hotel, skyscrapers jutting beyond the windows. "After the quarterfinals against Jannik, I woke up the next day and I almost couldn't walk. But you have to give everything you have inside. All the hard work you put in every day is for that."

That hard work is what transformed a body his coach, 2003 French Open champion and U.S. Open finalist Juan Carlos Ferrero, likened to "spaghetti; very thin" when he teamed up with a 15-year-old Alcaraz. "No muscles at all. Not in the back, not in the legs," Ferrero said. "But obviously we saw something very special."

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